¶ By the Quene.

Although the Quenes moſt excellent Maieſtie myght accordyng to the good example of good and wyſe Prynces, leuie great ſommes of money at this preſente, by due execution of ſundrye holſome lawes, vpon great nombre of her ſubiectes, for tranſgreſſyng the ſame, and namely for the weryng of ſuch exceſſiue and inordinat apparell, as in no age hath ben ſene the lyke, wherby alſo ſhoulde enſue ſuch notable benefite to the common wealth, as harde it were by any other wayes to deuyſe ſo greate. yet the ſinguler goodnes of her Maieſties nature is ſuch, to forbeare thertendyng of anye ſodayne and vnloked for extremitie, that in theſe caces her Maieſtie hath thought rather necellary by this Proclamation to notifie her hyghnes determinacion, with her priuie counſayle, amonges many other her weyghtie affayres for this that foloweth, then ſodenly tertende the penaltie of her lawes.

Fyrſt her Maieſties ſayde counſayle, by her commaundement, ſhall and wyll preſently take order that the ſtatute made in the firſt & ſeconde yeares of kyng Phyllyp and Quene Mary, and certeyne other braunches of an other Statute made the.xxiiii. yeare of kyng Henry the eyght, againſt exceſſiue apparell, ſhalbe put in execution both within her Maieſties court, and in theyr owne houſes, with a certeyne fauourable proceadynge, touchyng ſuch as can not preſently without theyr ouergreat loſſe, chaunge theyr vnlawefull apparell which they preſently haue. Wherein becauſe her Maieſtie truſteth that therample ſhall enduce the reſt of her ſubiectes to reforme theyr diſorders: Her Maieſtie hath wylled her ſayde priuie counſayle, to publyſhe by her aucthoritie theyr decree and order in this behalfe.

And for lyke tolleracion toward ſuch as liue in the countrey out of her court, her Maieſtie chargeth forthwith all Maiors and gouernours of Cities and Townes corporate, al Sheryffes and Juſtices of peax in ſhires, all noble men of theſtate of Barons and aboue, al gouernours and heddes of any ſocieties or companies, eyther Eccleſiaſticall or Temporall, fourthwith, or at the furtheſt within the ſpace of.xii. dayes after the publication hereof, to deuiſe, accorde, and take order, eyther accordyng to therample of her Maieſties counſell, or els after ſome other better maner, as the place ſhall require for therecution of the forſayde Statute and braunches ſpecified hereafter, in a briefe abſtract and draught annexed to this Proclamacion within the limitte of theyr charge, ſo as her Maieſtie may take ſome comfort of her tolleracion, and the common wealth ſome reliefe of the greate damage hereby ſuſteyned. Wherein yf her Maieſtie ſhall ſee her expectacion deceiued, ſhe ſhal therby haue iuſt occaſion to procede with execution of her lawes, both to the benefite of her common weale, and to the chaſtiſement of ſuch diſordred ſubiectes, as being fauourably warned, wyl not amende. Which thyng her Maieſtie purpoſeth certeynely to do in more effectuall ſorte than heretofore hath bene. And becauſe the tolleracion of theſe abuſes ſhall not be drawen to any ſiniſter occaſion of continuaunce of this abuſe:

Her Maieſtie chargeth and commaundeth that there be no tolleracion had, nor excuſe allowed, after the xx. day of December next, as touchyng all the contentes of the ſayde Statute, in the firſt and ſeconde yeares of kyng Phyllyp and Quene Mary, neyther after the laſt of January next, as touchyng the braunches of thother Statute of the.xxiiii. yere of kyng Henry the eyght, noted hereafter in thend of this Proclamacion, other then is conteyned in the ſame Statutes and braunches. Except it be for certeyne coſtly furres and riche enbroderies bought and made by ſundry gentlemen, before this Proclamacion, to theyr great coſtes, with which her hyghneſſe is pleaſ[illegible]to diſpence.

Geuen at her highnes palays of Weſtminſter, the xxi. day of October, the fyrſt yeare of her Maieſties reigne.

¶ The briefe content of certayne actes of Parliament agaynst thinordinate vse of apparell.

Anno. xxiiii. Henrici. viii.

None shall weare in his apparell any

- Cloth of — Golde, syluer, or tincele.
- Satyn, sylke, or cloth mixt with golde or syluer, nor any Sables.

— Except — Erles, and al of superiour degrees and Viscountes, and Barons in theyr doblets & sleueleſſe coates.

- Woollen Cloth made out of the Realme
- Veluet — Crimsin, Scarlet or Blewe.
- Furres. — Blacke Jenets. Luzerns

— Except — Dukes, Marquesses, Erles or Barons & knyghtes of thorder. } theyr children.

- Veluet in — Gownes, Coates, or vtter most garments.
- Furre of Libardes Embroderye
- Pricking or printyng — with golde syluer or sylke.

— Except. — Barons sonnes. Knyghtes or me that may dispend cc. li. by yere

- Tafata, Satyn, Damaske or sylke Chamlet in — his vttermost garmentes.
- Veluet otherwyse then in Jakettes, dobletes. &c.
- Furre whereof the kynde groweth not within the Quenes dominions. — Except Grey Jennets. Bodge.

— Except — A man that may dispende one hundred pounde by yere.

Anno. i. et. ii. Philippi et Mariæ.

None shall weare any sylke in

- Hatte, Bonet,
- Nyghtcap,
- Gyrdell, Scabbard,
- Hosen, Shoes,
- Spurlethers,

— Except — The sonne and heyre or doughter of a knight or the wyfe of the sayd sonne. A man that may dispende. xx. li. by yere, or is woorth two hundred poundes in goodes.

¶ These be the briefe contentes but of certayne partes of the lawes now remaining in force, to thobseruance whereof her maiestie thynketh best to induce her subiectes by thys shorte memoriall, and yet neuertheleſſe wisheth that all of inferior estates, shoulde not neglect the reſt of the same lawes, leſte if they shalbe founde to contemne these orders here mencioned, they maye fele the payne of the reſt.

There be certaine other exceptions in the Statutes: as for suche as haue licence by the Quenes Maiestie, or such as shall run in any Justes, or shall serue in warre, or shal haue apparell geuen thē to be worne by her Maiestie and such like. All whiche are wel to be consydred by them that wyl clayme any priuilege thereby, and that at theyr peryll.

¶ And where there is mencīō made of values of yerely liueloodes & goodes, the best accompt therof is to be made by the taxations in this last subsedy, so as if any wil be excused by pretence of hys lyueloode or substaunce, to offende, it is as meete that he aunswere to the Prince in subsedye for that value, as seke defence to breake anye good lawe, wherof her maiestie greueth to all men admonition.

Anno. M. D. L. IX.
Mense Octobris

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